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Thirty-fourth Spring Session held with the church at Bear Creek, Stanly County North Carolina, commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in May 1918.

Also of the Eighty-seventh Annual Fall Session held with the church at Mountain Creek Stanly County North Carolina, commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1918.

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

SPRING SESSION.

Bear Creek, Stanly County, N. C.
May 4, 1918.

Assembled at the stand in the grove at 11 o'clock A. M. Praise and prayer service conducted by Elder W. C. Jones of Burlington N. C. Introductory sermon preached by Elder J. E. Adams of Angier N. C. Text, 8th verse of 3rd chapter of Ephesians.

Intermission one hour.

At 1:30 P. M. the ministers and messengers convened in the church house. Praise and prayer by Elder M. B. Martin, of Union Ridge, N. C. Then Elder J. F. Mills resumed his seat.

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. These were handed in as called and read by Elder A. G. Morton. Received a petitionary letter from Flat Lake, a recently constituted church of our faith and order, located about three miles from Mt. Gilead in Montgomery county, N. C. for membership in this body. This was granted and their messenger seated in the council.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones Clerk.

3. Invited messengers from sister associations to seats. None present but received and distributed minutes from Mountain District, Salem and Senter Associations.

4. Invited visiting ministers and laymen of sister associations to seats. The following were present, seated and welcomed: From Mountain District, Elder M. B. Martin and Licenciate, S. G. Caudill. From Little River, Elder J. E. Adams. From Oklama, Elder B. F. Caudill. From Country Line, Elder W. C. Jones. From Mill Branch, Brother Tommie Brown. From Silver Creek, Brother T. H. Bentley. From Abbots Creek, Brother A. N. Surratt.

5. Appointed on committee of arrangements, Brothers S. Edwards, P. A. Howard, T. F. Hill with moderator and clerk.

6. Appointed the following ministers to preach at

the stand Sunday, to wit: Elder J. E. Adams, W. C. Jones, M. B. Martin and B. F. Caudill. Services to commence at 10 A. M.

7. Adjourned to 9:30 A. M. Monday. Benediction by the moderator.

Preaching at the stand Saturday afternoon by Elders M. B. Martin and B. F. Caudill.

SUNDAY SERVICES, MAY 5.

Opened with praise and prayer conducted by Elder M. B. Martin. Then elder W. C. Jones preached from 7th verse of 2nd chapter of Peter. Then followed by Elder J. E. Adams, who preached from 18th verse of first chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Intermission one hour.

Services resumed again at the stand at 1:15 P. M. by Elder M. B. Martin, who preached from 57th verse of 15th chapter of First Corinthians and followed by Elder B. F. Caudill, who preached from 8th verse of first chapter of Isaiah.

These services were of a high order, most soul cheering and comforting and we believe the Gospel of Christ was preached in power and demonstration of the Spirit. We praise God for such blessings.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 6.

Re-convened in the house at 9:30 A. M. pursuant to previous adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Craft.

8. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read, adopted and committee discharged.

9. Called names of messengers and noted absentees.

10. Read and adopted a resolution offered by the clerk in memory of the late Elder J. E. Williams and ordered same published in these minutes on a page dedicated for such purpose.

11. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Brother Peter Howard reported that he in company with Elder B. L. Treece visited the Mill Branch Association and found peace and was cordially received. Elder Henry Taylor reported that he

and Elder J. F. Mills attended the last session of Salem Association and found as above.

12. Called on corresponding messengers or visitors from sister associations to report. Elder M. B. Martin reported peace in the Mountain District. Elder W. C. Jones reported peace in the Country Line Association and invited us to visit them.

13. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder W. R. Helms reported that himself and Deacons McClure and Tucker formed a Presbytery at Concord on Saturday before first Sunday in March 1918 and ordained brother J. F. Burrus a Deacon of that church. Elder T. M. Standly reported that himself and Elder B. L. Treece and some Deacons formed a Presbytery at a place in Montgomery County, N. C., near Mt. Gilead, called "Flat Lake" and there constituted a church of the Primitive Baptist Faith and Order. This was on Saturday before the second Sunday in March 1918.

14. That we thank God and extend appreciation to brethren, sisters and friends of this church and community for hospitality during this meeting.

15. Adjourned in order to time and place mentioned in last minutes. Benediction by the moderator.

Preaching at the stand Monday by Elder W. R. Craft and Brother S. G. Caudill.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

THIS PAGE IN THESE MINUTES IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE ELDER J. ELLIS WILLIAMS.

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The Bear Creek Association, in session with the church at Bear Creek, Stanly County, N. C., where the late Elder J. E. Williams held his membership, wish to speak of and honor the memory of this dear brother, who for twenty-six years had been a most humble and valued minister and pastor of churches in this association. Elder Williams was well known and much respected and loved by the Primitive Baptists, and in life was regular to attend the sessions of this association and ready at all times to pursue peace and promote brotherly love and fellowship. He fought a good fight and has gone to his rest, where there is no pain, sickness nor death. May God continue to bless the churches with such ministers of His word. Amen.

J. W. JONES.

MESSENGERS—SPRING SESSION, 1918

Albemarle—E. L. Howard, Willie Solomon, G. A. Hope.
Bear Creek—J. A. Barbee, Larkin Vanhoy, Aaron Furr.
Bethany—By letter.
Brooms Grove—W. E. Williams, E. S. Huneycutt, T. M. Broom.
Concord—Elder W. R. Helms, J. F. Burrus, M. A. Helms*.
Clarks Grove—R. M. Hatley, E. Barbee, S. B. Tucker.
Crooked Creek—W. D. Benton, H. E. Rowell, L. L. Little*.
Freedom—A. J. Deese.
Flat Lake—C. R. McLendon, D. P. Dunn.
High Hill—J. J. Hill, G. W. Helms*, D. S. Jones.
High Ridge—S. Edwards, Lonnie Thomas, Elder W. C. Edwards*.
Howards Chapel—P. A. Howard, J. A. Hinson, M. F. Coble.
Jerusalem—W. A. Helms, T. F. Mills, E. W. Helms.
Jones Hill—H. F. Curlee, J. A. Little*, A A. Morton.
Liberty—Elder Henry Taylor, S. D. Outen*, J. B. Whitley*.
Liberty Hill—Justin Whitley, C. W. Safley, R. T. Burrus.
Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones, F. P. Saunders, F. A. Preslar.
Meadow Creek—E. B. Huneycutt*, D. B. Hathcock, J. W. Tucker.
Mountain Creek—A. Vanhoy, J. E. Russell, J. C. Miller.
New Zion—W. A. Helms*, Elder T. M. Standley, William Coley.
Pleasant Hill—Sam Rimmer*, J. H. Lee*, H. Compton*.
Pleasant Grove—L. L. Griffin*, T. A. Helms* H. B. Godwin.
Philadelphia—F. N. Gardner*, Foster Beam, Julius Beam*.
Running Creek—W. H. Hatley, G. M. Tucker, J. H. McClure.
Union Grove—A. E. Little, T. F. Hill, F. L. Baucom.
Watson—E. C. Williams*, W. A. Hargett, Joel Mullis.

Absentees marked thus (*).

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BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

FALL SESSION.

Mountain Creek, Stanly County, N. C.,
October, 5, 1918.

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock, A. M. Introductory sermon preached by Elder A. G. Morton. Text, 6th verse of 11th chapter of Romans. Intermission one hour, then convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Gallemore. Then Elder J. F. Mills reported that the clerk, J. W. Jones, was absent on account of being sick and Brother D. M. Hathcock kindly agreed to

serve as clerk protem for this session.

1. Called for the letters from the churches. These were handed in and read by Elder A. G. Morton.
2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills Moderator.
3. Then invited visiting messengers from sister associations to seats.
4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats.
5. Received minutes from Mill Branch, Senter and Silver Creek Associations.
6. Appointed on arrangement committee, Brethren J. J. Hill, P. A. Howard and Elder W. R. Helms with moderator and temporary clerk.
7. Committee on finance, Brethren J. E. Russell and P. A. Howard.
8. That Elders W. R. Helms, T. M. Standley, W. R. Gallemore, S. J. Reich and Sam McMillon preach at the stand Sunday, service to commence at 10 A. M.
9. Adjourned to 9 A. M. Monday.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 6.

Elder Robt. Helms preached first. Text 2nd verse of 5th chapter of Second Peter. Followed by Elder T. M. Standley. Text 19th verse of 1st chapter of Matthew.

Intermission one hour.

Then preaching by Elder W. R. Gallemore. Text 34th verse of 12th chapter of St. John. Followed by Elder S. J. Reich. Text 24th verse of 11th chapter of Hebrews. And closed by Elder Sam McMillon, 57th verse of 28th chapter of Genesis.

MONDAY MORNING OCT. 7.

Reconvened in the house at 9 A. M. pursuant to adjournment. Praise and praper by Elder S. J. Reich. Then proceeded, Elder Mills presiding.

10. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.
11. Called names of messengers and noted absentees.
12. Called on correspondents to sister associations to report. Elder Mills attended Abbotts Creek and had a good meeting.

13. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Elder Sam McMillon and Elder W. R. Gallemore and Brothers A. L. Owen, Willie Gallemore, Milton Hill and Eber Wright were present from Abbotts Creek. Elder S. J. Reich and Brothers Tom Greer and Alexander Sincler were present from Salem and Brother H. W. Johnson of Country Line and Brethren T. H. Bentley, J. R. Moore and W. A. Bentley, of Silver Creek. These brethren were all made welcome.

14. Appointed correspondence with sister associations as follows: To Abbotts Creek, Elders W. R. Helms,, H. M. Williams and Brethren, P. A. Howard, J. E. Russell, Aaron Furr and minutes. To Mill Branch, Elders J. F. Mills, W. R. Helms, H. M. Williams and minutes. To Salem, Elders W. R. Helms, H. M. Williams and minutes. To Silver Creek, Elder Henry Taylor and Brethren G. A. Hope, J. J. Hill, J. W. Jones and file of minutes. To Senter and Mountain District we send minutes.

15. This applies to reports from Presbyteries and I am requesting those brethren who reported to be prepared to give more definite information when we meet in May at Flat Lake.

16. Treasurer reports no funds on hand from last.

17. Finance committee reported, sent up this year by the churches _ $56.00

18. That the next Spring session convene with the new church at Flat Lake, near Mt. Gilead in Montgomery county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1919. Elder W. C. Edwards to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. F. Mills alternate, and that the annual Fall session convene with the church at Clarks Grove, Stanly county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1919. Elder Robt. Helms to preach the introductory sermon, Elder T. M. Standley, alternate.

19. That J. W. Jones, compile and have printed 1000 copies of these minutes, and distribute and mail out as usual and that we give him 8 dollars for service.

20. That we return thanks to God, this church and friends of community for hospitality during the meeting.

21. Above minutes read before the association and approved with the request that J. W. Jones compile the same in proper order and also that he publish notices of our next meetings in the Primitive Baptist and the Landmark.

22. Adjourned to times and places above mentioned.

Preaching Monday at the stand by Elders B. L. Treece, S. J. Reich and Sam McMillon.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

D. M. HATHCOCK and J. W. JONES, Clerks.

SPECIAL NOTICE—On behalf of the association, I am this day sending our faithful moderator, Elder J. F. Mills, the sum of five dollars. This Oct. 12, 1918.

J. W. JONES, Clerk and Treasurer.

MESSENGERS TO FALL SESSION, 1918

Albemarle—Willie Solomon, S. A. Hope, E. L. Howard.

Bear Creek—A. J. Furr, J. A. Barbee, Aaron Furr.

Bethany—By letter.

Brooms Grove—Elder H. M. Williams, E. S. Huneycutt, T M. Broom

Concord—Elder W. R. Helms, J. J. Williams.

Clarks Grove—S. B. Tucker, R. M.Hatley, J. L. Helms.

Crooked Creek—W. D. Benton, H. M. Green, H. E. Rowell.

Flat Lake—D. P. Dunn, C. R. McLendon.

Freedom—A. J. Deese, J. W. Deese, E. Barbee.

High Hill—W. M. Clontz, C. T. Mills, D. S. Jones.

High Ridge—J. P. Rushing*, Lonnie Thomas*, Levander Edwards*.

Howards Chapel—R. B. Burrus, P. A. Howard, M. T. Coble.

Jerusalem—Willie Curlee, T. F. Mills, Sandy Brewer.

Jones Hill—J. A. Little, Henry Howard, A. A. Morton.

Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, J. B. Whitley.

Liberty Hill—John Criscoe, Justin Whitley, C. W. Safley.

Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones*, R. F. Tyson, E. C. Jones, F. A. Presler.

Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, E. B. Huneycutt, J. W. Tucker*.

Mountain Creek—J. C. Miller, J. E. Russell, W. R. Morton.

New Zion—J. P. Whitley*, W. A. Helms*, A. M. Coley*.

Pleasant Grove—Elder J. F. Mills, H. B. Godwin, J. S. Thomas.

Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, J. M. Taylor.

Philadelphia—F. N. Gardner*, Julius Beam*, Foster Beam*.

Running Creek—J. H. McClure, E. M. Hatley, W. M. Almond.

Union Grove—T. F. Hill, F. W. Helms, F. L. Baucom.
Watson—S. L. Mullis, E. C. Williams, W. A. Hargett.
Absentees marked thus (*).

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STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1918.

CHURCHES	Experience and Baptism	Received By Letter	Restored.	Dismissed By Letter.	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution for minutes and Associational ex.
Albemarle	1						18	$1.50
Bear Creek	1		1	1	2	1	25	1.50
Bethany		1					3	1.50
Brooms Grove							9	.75
Concord							22	1.50
Clarks Grove		1				2	13	1.60
Crooked Creek	1						26	2.50
Flat Lake							9	1.00
Freedom	1	1		1			5	1.00
High Hill		1		1		1	34	5.00
High Ridge	3						25	1.50
Howards Chapel	4			10	2	1	26	1.50
Jerusalem	4					1	26	4.35
Jones Hill	3			1			25	3.40
Liberty				1			21	1.50
Liberty Hill		2				2	24	4.30
Lawyers Spring		1		1		2	38	6.00
Meadow Creek	2				2		21	1.25
Mountain Creek						1	19	2.00
New Zion							22	1.50
Pleasant Grove	3	1		1	1		27	1.65
Pleasant Hill					2		21	2.00
Philadelphia							11	1.35
Running Creek	1						20	1.50
Union Grove	4	1		1		1	31	3.00
Watson							16	1.75
TOTALS	28	9	1	18	9	12	537	56.00

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES, 1913.

Communion Sunday

Albemarle—D. B. Howard, Route 4, Albemarle, N. C. -- 3rd June
Bear Creek—Aaron Furr, Route 6, Albemarle, N. C. -- 3rd August
Bethany—Miss Jane P. Jones, R. A., Wadesboro, N. C., 3rd August
Brooms Grove—J. P. Huneycutt, Monroe, N. C. -- -- 4th September
Concord—J. F. Burrus, Concord, N. C. -- -- -- -- 1st September
Clarks Grove—J. L. Helms, Stanfield, N. C. -- -- -- -- -- 2nd July
Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, R 1, Indian Trail, N. C. -- 3rd July
Freedom—A. J. Deese, R. 6, Albemarle, N. C. -- -- -- 2nd October
High Hill—D. S. Jones, R. 2, Monroe, N. C. -- -- 1st September
High Ridge—J. B. Medlin, R. 1, Marshville, N. C. -- -- 3rd July
Howard's Chapel—J. A. Hinson, Aquadale, N. C. -- 1st September
Jerusalem—T. F. Mills, R. 2, Marshville, N. C. -- -- -- 2nd August
Jones Hill—J. S. Little, Oakboro, N. C. -- -- -- -- 3rd September
Liberty—J. B. Whitley, R. 1, Monroe, N. C. -- -- -- -- 4th July
Liberty Hill—C. W. Safley, R. 2, Oakboro, N. C. -- -- -- 4th July
Lawyer's Spring—H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C. -- -- 1st August
Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, Locust, N. C. -- -- -- 3rd August
Mountain Creek—J. E. Russell, R2, Albemarle, N. C. 4th September
New Zion—J. P. Whitley, R. 7, Concord, N. C. -- -- 2nd September
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, R. 2, Barber, N. C. -- -- -- 4th June
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C. -- -- -- 2nd July
Philadelphia—Foster Beam, Ellenboro, N. C. -- -- -- -- 4th August
Running Creek—G. M. Tucker, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. -- 2nd August
Union Grove—I. N. Medlin, R. 2, Monroe, N. C. -- 2nd September
Watson—S. L. Mullis, R. 2, Unionville, N. C. -- -- -- -- 4th May
Flat Lake—Charlie McLendon, Mt. Gilead, N. C.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder J. F. Mills, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.
Elder W. R. Helms, Mooresville, N. C.
Elder H. M. Williams, Indian Trail, N. C.
Elder W. C. Edwards, Wingate, N. C.
Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.
Elder B. L. Treece, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder T. M. Standley, Concord, N. C.
Elder A. G. Morton, Oakboro, N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1918

Sent up by the churches this year		$56.00
Expense, printing and mailing minutes	$35.00	
Allowance to Clerk	8.00	
Donated to Elder J. F. Mills	5.00	
	$48.00	$48.00
Left in treasury		$8.00

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided, he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophristry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decor-

um.

8th. The names of all the members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.